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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF KING

HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO U.S.

GENEVA FOR MEPCDEL

1. JORDANIAN PRESS, RADIO AND TV GIVING WIDE COVERAGE TO KING'S CURRENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. RADIO AND TV BROADCASTS ARE BASED ON USIS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AND ARE OF HIGH QUALITY BOTH TECHNICALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY.

2. JORDANIAN PRESS AUG. 17 GIVES DETAILED CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF KING'S THURSDAY ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, COUR-  
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TESY CALL BY SECSTATE KISSINGER, AND FIRST ROUND OF TALKS,

ATTENDED BY PM RIFAI, AMB PICKERING, AND JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE US. PRESS FURTHER REPORTED FRIDAY SCHEDULE: ONE-HOUR MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WORKING LUNCH (INCLUDING KING, PREMIER, GOJ AMBASSADOR TO US, AND SECSTATE), AFTERNOON VISIT TO CAPITAL HILL (WHERE CONFERRED WITH SENATE FORRELAT COMMITTEE), AND WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD. FORD MEETING DESCRIBED AS CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY, DURING WHICH PROSPECTS OF DISENGAGEMENT ON JORDANIAN-ISRAELI FRONT AS A FIRST STAGE OF FULL PULLBACK WERE DISCUSSED, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA. BOTH LEADERS ALSO DISCUSSED AMERICAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO JORDAN, ACCORDING TO PRESS.

3. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF TALKS HAVE BEEN OPTIMISTIC, QUOTING KING AS NOTING THAT JORDAN-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS CURRENTLY BETTER THAN AT ANY PREVIOUS TIME. KING ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING HE IS EXTREMELY SATISFIED WITH TALKS, SINCE THEY WILL HELP IN PLANNING STRATEGY FOR DURABLE PEACE. SECSTATE KISSINGER QUOTED AS STATING THAT US IS AS CONCERNED ABOUT ACHIEVING PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JORDAN AND ISRAEL AS IT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT TALKS INVOLVING EGYPT AND SYRIA.

4. PRESS QUOTES AL-AHRAM AS STATING THAT EGYPTIAN FORMIN, NOW IN WASHINGTON, HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY SADAT TO STAY IN US UNTIL END OF HUSSEIN VISIT, "UNTIL THE FINAL PICTURE OF THE NEXT POLITICAL MOVE IS CLEAR".

5. AR-RAI EDITORIALIZES "FOLLOWING SEPARATION OF FORCES ON EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FRONTS, IT IS NOW JORDAN'S TURN TO ACHIEVE SIMILAR STEP...THE KING AND PRIME MINISTER REAFFIRMED JORDAN'S ATTITUDE IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS". PAPER WENT ON TO STRESS NECESSITY OF JORDANIAN-ISRAELI SEPARATION OF FORCES AS PRECONDITION TO JORDANIAN PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA.

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